

## THE IOLA REGISTER.

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## THE WOMAN'S LEAGUE.

The REGISTER feels a good deal more than a passing interest in the Woman's Law and Order League, the announcement of which was made last week, for the reason that it is the direct outgrowth of a suggestion made by the editor of this paper in a short address at a temperance mass meeting held at the opera house some weeks ago. The tenor of the suggestion was that it came with poor grace for temperance people to criticize the officers for not doing their duty when they had not uttered a word to show those officers that they were willing and ready to give them effective support in their efforts to enforce the law. The earnest temperance women of the town at once appreciated the force of this suggestion, and the organization of the League is the outcome. The objects of the organization and its methods are set forth in the following statement and letter:

## DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

Considering that the well being of our youth and the good name of our city demand some united action on the part of citizens who desire to see law enforced and order preserved in our municipality, we hereby organize a society to be known as the Woman's League for the enforcement of law and order in the city of Iola. This League shall have for its object:

1. The preservation of public order in the city.
  2. The enforcement of the laws of this state which govern the sale of intoxicating liquors.
- This society shall meet upon call of the President.

Officers shall be: a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, with a Vice-President from each church in the city except the one represented by the President.

## NAMES OF MEMBERS.

Messrs. J. P. Wright, L. L. Northrup, W. M. Hartman, W. J. Evans, C. F. Scott, R. B. Claiborne, W. H. Richards, D. Ewart, G. A. Bowlin, L. S. Faust, W. L. Squier, A. J. Fulton, W. H. Evans, M. P. Jacoby, Harry Sleeper, C. L. Emerson, L. Root, L. H. Picken, Geo. Fye, H. A. Ewing, Agnes Scott, L. F. Palmer, J. W. Conant, D. W. Bostwick, E. L. Crowell, Jane Evans, J. B. Pulliam, A. J. Harvey, N. Hankins, Susan McCarty, S. H. Patterson, J. Pike, M. Croft, M. L. Brewster, W. A. Cowan, L. A. King, C. F. Corn, McDonald, M. A. Johnson, J. M. Mason, H. M. Miller, M. A. Thompson, Louis Miller, J. M. Chollett, J. F. Sallee, Anna Apple, L. C. Mungler, A. W. Beck, R. B. Stevenson, E. C. Eise.

## LETTER TO MR. BENNETT.

Iola, Kan., Nov. 12th, 1896.  
B. H. Bennett, county attorney.  
DEAR SIR: We women of Iola, representing homes in this city and responsible as members of society for our children and youth, have been shocked and alarmed by the gross violation of the laws of our State and the disorder exhibited on our streets, most especially during the last two weeks. We are daily reminded that such violation is bringing temptation to our youth and disrepute to our city.

We feel that the present is a most critical period in the history of our city. With the prospect of an influx of a manufacturing population, we consider that the conditions which make this appeal a necessity will be increased rather than lessened, and if Iola is to be known as a law abiding and temperate place it must be made and kept such by the active vigilance and co-operation of her law abiding citizens with the officers in whose hands they have entrusted the enforcement of the laws.

We, therefore, respectfully ask you to communicate to us by a written statement how it may be possible for the law abiding citizens of this city to aid you in securing the prosecution and conviction of such parties as are engaged in the liquor traffic in this place.

Respectfully yours,  
The Woman's Law and Order League,  
Mrs. C. F. Scott, Pres.  
Mrs. C. L. Emerson, Sec.  
Mrs. L. F. Palmer, Treas.

## FAIR WORDS FOR FRED.

The Press of Kansas Expresses Lively Interest in the Fortunes of Our Young Explorer and Soldier.

**Topeka Capital:** Kansas, politically may be the laughing stock of the nation, but the fact remains that no other state has furnished a Professor Dyche or a Fred Funston.

**Blue Mound Sun:** Fred Funston, son of ex-Congressman Funston, is now a captain of artillery under Gen. Gomez in Cuba, and is proving a valiant soldier and all-around good man for the Cuban cause.

**Lawrence Journal:** There was a report sent out yesterday to the effect that Butcher Weyer had resigned. He had perhaps read the Journal and discovered that Fred Funston was in the field against him.

**Minneapolis Messenger:** Writing home from Cuba, where he holds a commission in the army of Maximo Gomez, Fred Funston says he has been having a hot time of it. Perhaps young Funston has not missed much by being in Cuba during the campaign.

**Leavenworth Times:** Fred Funston who is in the thick of the Cuban war, writes a letter which confirms the impression that an immense amount of powder is being burnt in Cuba without much effect. The Spaniards do not know how to shoot apparently.

**Pleasanton Observer:** Fred Funston, son of ex-Congressman, E. H. Funston, of Allen county, is now an artillery captain in the Cuban army under the leadership of Maximo Gomez, and is doing his best to help the insurgents whip the Spaniards. He has written a letter to some Lawrence friends describing several battles which were fierce and destructive. He had his shoe shot off and his horse shot under him and two of his nearest men were shot to pieces. He has had a great many wild experiences but this is about the hottest place he has found.

## COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 2.)

## GENEVA.

Miss Knowlton is the authorized reporter and agent for the Register at Geneva. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through her, and any assistance rendered her in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.

Mrs. John Martin of Neosho Falls spent a few days last week with Mr. Borer.

Mrs. Flint of Colorado arrived home Friday to visit a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warner.

Messrs. Wm. Hesse and Finis Wilson have been employed to work in the Iola smelter.

Mr. Ellison Powell expects to move to Iola soon to do the real estate business with Mr. H. L. Henderson.

Mr. Sheldon had a runaway Thursday which badly demoralized his wagon.

Mr. Cyrus Lee will soon leave for Iowa where he expects to make his future home. Mr. Lee will have a sale on the 15th.

Mrs. Mori Leavitt, Mrs. C. L. Knowlton and Mrs. Margaret meet with quite a serious accident in a runaway Wednesday evening. Mrs. Knowlton was thrown out, badly breaking her limb just above the ankle. Fortunately the others were not hurt much.

Very few attended the good lecture given by Mr. Gibson on Friday and Saturday nights on account of inclement weather.

## DIAMOND.

Mrs. W. T. Jones is the authorized reporter and agent for the Register at Diamond. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through her, and any assistance rendered her in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.

Mrs. Clark Green received a letter last week, informing her of the death of her cousin, Mrs. Henry Hurry, at Norman, Ok. Mrs. Hurry has been an invalid for a long time. Sometime ago her husband took her to Oklahoma, hoping the change would benefit her, but just when hope was dawning in the hearts of her friends, the heavenly Father said to her, "It is enough, come up higher."

At last report two of the daughters of Mr. Hurry are very sick with typhoid fever, also the youngest son of Mollie Hurry, also of Norman, Ok.

Mrs. Will Kennedy received word recently of the death of her aged mother, at her home in Missouri.

Died, at his home, six miles east of Diamond, last Saturday, Mr. George Setzer.

We but voice the sentiments of the friends and neighbors of the above named families, who reside in this community, when we extend to all an heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Kennedy are rejoicing over the arrival of a new girl, Nov. 23.

Mrs. John Clark, Mrs. R. A. Hardy, and Mrs. Rodgers set out into town with their team last Wednesday as they were starting home from the quilling at Mrs. Drago's, and only escaped what might have been a bad accident.

Cards are out for a double wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nadler, Wednesday.

Mr. Henry Robertson came down from Paola last week to visit friends near Diamond.

## SPRING BRANCH.

Mr. Frank Jackson is the authorized reporter and agent for the Register at Spring Branch. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through him, and any assistance rendered him in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.

Oh my! How the Turkey suffered Thursday.

The trial before the Justice F. Jackson last Wednesday, the case against Geo. D. Martin charged with attempting to steal a bee hive of honey. The case was dismissed by the defendant agreeing to pay the costs in the case and judgment was rendered against him. The cost in the case was about \$40 besides his two lawyers fees. E. H. Bennett for the state and Ritter and Gard for the defendant.

Rev. Geo. Smith is holding meetings at Deer Creek school house this week.

The Rev. Hankins of Iola will preach at Rock Creek Sunday.

The Rock Creek Missionary ladies will meet at Mrs. Hardins Saturday.

Mrs. Morehead has gone to wait on her sick brother who lives near Fulton.

Jesse Lewis baby is quite sick with the pneumonia.

Mr. Swigler is selling his potatoes at 25 cents a bushel.

Mr. Wm. Davis returned to Emporia last Monday.

Mr. J. O. W. Howard treated his wife to a new cook stove.

Messrs. Sherman and Alvin Hardin returned from Missouri last week.

Mr. N. M. Wagner is buying turkeys in this vicinity.

Mr. John, of Olathe, stopped at Mr. H. Peeds on his way to Oklahoma.

Mr. Chas. Wilmoth moved to Altoona, Wilson county last Thursday.

Frank Delp is working on the saw mill this week.

There was no school at Rock Creek Friday on account of the funeral of Mr. Tom Vezie's little child.

John Selfert went to Wilson county last week with a load of Chas. Wilmoth's household goods.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE.

## Summary of the Daily News.

## WASHINGTON NOTES.

The National Grange at their session in Washington on the 18th selected Pennsylvania as the place of meeting. The city was not named. Unofficially many of the members of the Grange met at night and unanimously endorsed John H. Bigham, of Ohio, for secretary of agriculture and a committee was selected to formulate plans for urging the appointment.

Visitors cannot see President Cleveland for some time, as he is happily preparing his last message to Congress. Only those who have important business to transact with him are admitted to his presence.

COMMANDER MELVILLE, chief engineer of the navy has made a report as to the condition of all warships of the United States so far as their machinery and mechanical apparatus are concerned. He urgently recommends an increase in the number of naval engineers.

SECRETARY MORTON, of the agricultural department, has made his fourth annual report. He strongly urges that government inspection be extended to all animals intended for food, and reports an increasing demand in England for American horses. The secretary hopes the gratuitous distribution of seeds will be discontinued, and concludes his report by a review of the condition of American farmers and reflects the idea that the farms of the west are more heavily mortgaged than those of the east. He says 72 percent of farms in the United States are occupied by their owners and are free from mortgages.

This president filled the vacancy in the chief justiceship in the court of claims, caused by the death of Judge Richardson, by promoting to that office Judge Knott, a member of that court.

## GENERAL NEWS.

A FATAL accident occurred at the North K. Fisher (Ok.) cotton gin on the 23d. Arthur Hunt, an employee, was carrying cotton seed on the second floor when the floor gave way, precipitating him, along with tons of seed and cotton, down upon the cotton stored below, where he was smothered in the cotton.

THE Wall Street Journal of New York has made a careful note of Congress on the subject of an extra session, and has sought for information in quarters likely to be well informed.

"The generally expressed opinion," the Journal says, "is that there will be no tariff or financial legislation at the approaching session. It is generally conceded that there will be an extra session, called to meet some time in April, when both tariff and financial measures will be considered."

The joint war scale committee of window-glass workers and manufacturers adjourned at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 19th after a two days' conference without having reached any agreement. The result of this failure means the continued idleness of 15,000 men throughout the country, who have already been without work for the last six months.

An attempt was made to burn the Travelers' home, a hotel at Cripple Creek, Col., but the fire was soon discovered. There were between 15 and 20 people asleep in the hotel at the time.

THE London Chronicle's correspondent stated on the 23d that 59 Armenians had been condemned to hang at Constantinople and that great agitation prevailed in the city.

REPRESENTATIVE TIMBERLAKE has introduced a bill into the Alabama general assembly to make it unlawful for any woman to wear any articles of men's clothing or bloomers, tights, divided skirts and shirt waists.

The executive committee of the National Republican league met at Chicago on the 20th and decided to take part in the inaugural ceremonies next March, and an effort will be made to have 50,000 leaguers in the procession.

## Cures

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5 " Breakfast coffee	.95
5 " Crushed Java	.90
7 lbs. good bulk Coffee	1.00
1 box Claret soap	3.15
1 " Lenox soap	3.15
1 " Ark Soap	2.45
5 packages Gold dust	1.00
25 " Goldine	1.00
1 case, 3 doz. Tomatoes	1.75
1 " 2 doz. Corn	1.05
Brick cheese by cake	12c lb
Limberger " "	14 lb
Herkermer " "	12c lb
15 lbs. Figs	1.00
15 " Dates	1.00
15 " evaporated Apples	1.00
15 " Cal. Peaches	1.00
15 " Blackberries	1.00
15 " Raisins	1.00
9 " Cal. Apricots	1.00
9 " Sultana Raisins	1.00
9 " Cal. Nectarines	1.00
11 pgs. d'nd Currants	1.00
5 gallons new Sorghum	1.45
17 lb. pail Jelly	.45

Subject to market changes.

## H. KLAUMANN.

## Road Notice.

(First Published Nov. 27, 1896.)

(W. R. Dickerson, et al. Petitioners.)

State of Kansas, Allou County ss.

Whereas, Application has been made by petition to the Board of County Commissioners of said county, for vacating a county road and for the purpose of widening the same, and

And whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of said county, have been ordered by said County Commissioners to view, survey and locate said road, and perform whatever other duties as are required of them by law; and

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## TALMAGE'S SERMON.

## An Appeal to the Higher Aspirations of Young Men.

The Youth of the Country Challenged to Nobility of Thought and Purpose—Let High Aims Be the Governing Principle of Every Young Citizen.

In his latest Washington sermon Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage took for his subject, "Young Men Challenged to Nobility," choosing this text: 2 Kings, 6:17: "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man." Dr. Talmage said: One morning, in Bethan, a young theological student was scared by finding himself and Eliza, the prophet, upon whom he waited, surrounded by a whole army of enemies. Not scared at all, because he saw the mountains full of defense for him, in chariots made of fire, drawn by horses of fire—a supernatural appearance that could not be seen with the natural eye. So the old minister prayed that the young minister might see them also, and the prayer was answered, and the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he also saw the fiery procession, looking somewhat, I suppose, like the Adirondacks or the Alleghenies in autumnal splendor.

Many young men, standing among the most tremendous realities, have their eyes half shut or entirely closed. May God grant that my sermon may open wide your eyes to your safety, your opportunity, and your destiny!

A mighty defense for a young man is a good home. Some of my hearers look back with tender satisfaction to their early home. It may have been rude and rustic, hidden among the hills, and architect or upholsterer never planned or adorned it. But all the fresco on princely walls never looked so enticing to you as those rough-hewn rafters. You can think of no park or arbor of trees planted on fashionable country seat so attractive as the plain brook that ran in front of the old farm house and sang under the weeping willows. No barred gateway, adorned with statue of bronze, and swung open by obsequious porter in full dress, has half the glory of the old swing gate. Many of you have a second dwelling place, your adopted home, that also is sacred forever. There you built the first family altar. There your children were born. All those trees you planted. That room is solemn, because once in it, over the hot pillow, dropped the wing of death. Under that roof you expect, when your work is done, to lie down and die. You try with many words to tell the excellency of the place, but you fail. There is only one word in the language that can describe your meaning. It is home.

Now, I declare it, that young man is comparatively safe who goes into the world with a charm like this upon him. The memory of parental solicitude, watching, planning and praying, will be to him a shield and a shelter. I never knew a man faithful both to his early and adopted home, who at the same time was given over to any gross form of dissipation or wickedness. He who seeks his enjoyment chiefly from outside association, rather than from the more quiet and unassuming pleasures of which I have spoken, may be suspected to be on the broad road to ruin. Absalom despised his father's house, and you know his history of sin and his death of shame. If you seem unnecessarily isolated from your kindred and former associates, is there not some room that you can call your own? Into it gather books and pictures. Have a portrait over the mantel. Make ungodly mirth stand back from the threshold. Consecrate some spot with the knee of prayer. By the memory of other days, a father's counsel, and a mother's love, and a sister's confidence, call it home.

Another defense for a young man is industrious habits. Many young men, in starting upon life in this age, expect to make their way through the world by the use of their wits rather than the toll of their hands. A boy now goes to the city and fails twice before he is as old as his father was when he first saw the spires of the great town. Sitting in some office, rented at \$1,000 a year, he is waiting for the bank to declare its dividend, or goes into the market expecting before night to be made rich by the rising up of the stocks. But luck seemed so dull he resolved on some other tack. Perhaps he borrowed from his employer's money drawer, and forgot to put it back, or for merely the purpose of improving his penmanship, makes a copy of a merchant's signature. Never mind; all is right in trade. In some dark night there may come in his dreams a vision of the penitentiary; but it soon vanishes. In a short time he will be ready to retire from the busy world, and amid his flocks and herds cultivate the domestic virtues. Then those young men who once were his schoolmates, and knew no better than to engage in honest work, will come with their ox teams to draw him logs, and with their hard hands to help leave up his estate. This is no fancy picture. It is every-day life. I should not wonder if there were some rotten beams in that beautiful palace. I should not wonder if dire sickness should smite through the young man, or if God should pour into his cup of life a draught that would thrill him with unbearable agony; if his children should become to him a living curse, making his home a pest and a disgrace. I should not wonder if he goes to a miserable grave, and beyond it into the gnashing of teeth. The way of the ungodly shall perish.

Do not get the fatal idea that you are a genius, and that therefore, there is no need of close application. It is here where multitudes fail. The curse of the age is the penurious; men with enormous self-conceit and egotism, and

nothing else. I had rather be an ox than an eagle; plain and plodding and useful, rather than high-flying and good for nothing but to pick out the eyes of carcasses. Extraordinary capacity without work is extraordinary failure. There is no hope for that person who begins life resolved to live by his wits, for the probability is that he has not any. It was not safe for Adam, even in his unfallen state, to have nothing to do, and, therefore, God commanded him to be a farmer and horticulturist. He was to dress the garden and keep it, and had he and his wife obeyed the divine injunction and been at work, they would not have been sauntering under the trees and basking after that fruit which destroyed them and their prosperity; a proof positive for all ages to come: that those who do not attend to their business are sure to get into mischief.

I do not know that the proverbial in Scripture would ever have been retained had he not given us his idea that he was to feed the swine for a living. The devil does not so often attack the man who is busy with the pen, and the book, and the trowel, and the saw, and the hammer. He is afraid of those weapons. But woe to the man whom this roving I saw meets with his hands in his pockets.

Do not demand that your toil always be elegant and cleanly and refined. There is a certain amount of drudgery through which we must all pass, whatever be our occupation. You know how men are sentenced to a certain number of years to prison, and after they have suffered and worked out the time, then they are allowed to go free. So it is with all of us. God passed on us the sentence: "By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread." We must endure our time of drudgery, and then, after awhile, we will be allowed to go into comparative liberty. We must be willing to endure the sentence. We all know what drudgery is connected with the beginning of any trade or profession; but this does not continue all our lives, if it be the student's, or the merchant's, or the mechanic's life. I know you have at the beginning many a hard time, but after awhile those things will become easy. You will be your own master. God's sentence will be satisfied. You will be discharged from prison.

Bless God that you have a brain to think, and hands to work, and feet to walk with, for in your constant activity, O young man, is one of your strongest defenses. Put your trust in God and do your best. That child had it right when the horse ran away with the load of wood and he sat on it. When asked if he was frightened, he said: "No, I prayed to God and hung on like a beaver."

Respect for the Sabbath will be to the young man another preservative against evil. God has thrust into the toil and fatigue of life a recreation day, when the soul is especially to be fed. It is no new fangled notion of a wild-brained reformer, but an institution established at the beginning. God has made natural and moral laws so harmonious that the body as well as the soul demands this institution. Our bodies are seven-day clocks, that must be wound up as often as that or they will run down. Failure must come sooner or later to the man who breaks the Sabbath. Inspiration has called it the Lord's day, and he who devotes it to the world is guilty of robbery. God will not let the sin go unpunished either in this world or the world to come.

While the Divine frown must rest upon him who tramples upon this statute, God's special favor will be upon that young man who scrupulously observes it. This day, properly observed, will throw a hallowed influence over all the week. The song and sermon and sanctuary will hold back from presumptuous sins. That young man who begins the duties of life with either secret or open disrespect to the holy day, I venture to prophecy, will meet with no permanent success. God's curse will fall upon his ship, his store, his office, his studio, his body and his soul. The way of the wicked he turns upside down. In one of the old fables it was said that a wonderful child was born in Bagdad, and a magician could hear his footsteps 6,000 miles away. But I can hear in the footsteps of that young man on his way to the house of worship to-day the step not only of a lifetime of usefulness, but the oncoming step of eternal ages of happiness yet millions of years away.

But if you are resolved to live a life such as God and good men will approve, do not let it be a vague dream, an indefinite determination, but, in your mind or upon paper, sketch it in all its minutiae. You cannot know the changes to which you may be subject, but you may know what always will be right and always will be wrong. Let gentleness and charity and veracity and faith stand in the heart of the sketch. On some still brook's bank make a lamb and lion lie down together. Draw two or three of the trees of life, nor wind-tripped, but with thick verdure waving like the palms of heaven. On the darkest cloud place the rainbow, that pillow of the dying storm. You need not print the title of the frame. The dialist will catch the design at a glance, and say, "That is the road to Heaven." And, "On this sea of life, what innumerable ships, heavily laden and well-rigged, yet seem bound for no port! Sweet every whither of wind and wave, they go up by the mountains, they go down by the valleys, and are at their wits' end. They sail by no chart, they watch no star, they long for no harbor. I beg every young man to-day to draw out a sketch of what, by the grace of God, he means to be. Think no excellence so high that you cannot reach it. He who starts out in life with a high ideal of character, and faith in its attainment, will find himself increased from a thousand temptations. There are magnificent possibilities before each of you young men of the stout heart, and the buoyant step, and the bounding spirit. I would marshal you for grand achievement. God now provides for you the field and the armor and the fortification.

Who is on the Lord's side? A captain in ancient times, to encourage his men against the immense odds on the side of their enemies, said: "Come, my men, look these fellows in the face. They are 6,000, you are 300. Surely the match is even." That speech gave them the victory. Be not, my hearers, dismayed at any time by what seems an immense odds against you. It is fortune, it is want of education, it is men, are devils against you, though the multitudes of earth and hell confront you, stand up to the charge. With a million against you the match is just even. Nay, you have a decided advantage. If God be for us, who can be against us? Thus protected, you need not spend much time in answering your assailants.

Many years ago words came to me that two impostors, as temperance lecturers had been speaking in Ohio, in various places, and giving their experience, and they told their influence that they had long been intimate with me, and they had become drunkards by dining at my table, where I always had liquors of all sorts. Indignant to the last degree I went down to the chief of Brooklyn police, saying that I was going to start that night for Ohio to have those villains arrested, and I wanted him to tell me how to make the arrest. He smiled and said: "Do not waste your time chasing these men. Go home and do your work, and they can do you no harm." I took his counsel, and all was well. Long ago I made up my mind that if one will put his trust in God and be faithful to duty, he need not fear any evil. Have God on your side, young man, and all the combined forces of earth and hell can do you no damage.

And this leads me to say that the mightiest defense for a young man is the possession of religious principle. Nothing can take the place of it. He may have manners that would put to shame the gracefulness and courtesy of a Lord Chesterfield. Foreign languages may drop from his tongue. He may be able to discuss literature, and laws, and foreign customs. He may wield a pen of unqualified polish and power. His quickness and tact may qualify him for the highest salary of the counting house. He may be as sharp as Herod and as strong as Samson, with as fine locks as those which hung Absalom still he is not safe from contamination. The more elegant his manner, and the more fascinating his dress, the more perilous does not care for the negligence of a cowardly and illiterate being. He cannot bring him into efficient service. But he loves to storm that castle of character, which has in it the most spoils and treasures. It was not some crazy craft creeping along the coast with a valueless cargo that the pirate attacked, but the ship, full-winged and flagged, plying between great ports, carrying its millions of specie. The more your natural and acquired accomplishments, the more need of the religion of Jesus. That does not eat in upon or hack upon any smoothness of disposition or behavior. It gives symmetry. It arrests that in the soul which ought to be arrested, and crumples that which ought to be propelled. It fills up the gulleys. It elevates and transforms. To beauty it gives more beauty, to tact more tact, to enthusiasm of nature more enthusiasm. When the Holy Spirit impresses the image of God on the heart He does not spoil the canvas. If in all the multitudes of young men upon whom religion has acted you could find one nature that had been the least damaged, I would yield this position.